IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFI Applicant(s) Luciano F. Paone Examiner: S. Kabakoff Serial No.: 08/989,261 Group Art Unit: 2767 TC 2700 MAIL Filed: December 12, 1997 Docket: 831-2 For: **COMPUTER IMPLEMENTED** Dated: August 16, 2000 SECRET OBJECT KEY BLOCK La delle acceptance CIPHER ENCRYPTION AND **DIGITAL SIGNATURE DEVICE AND METHOD Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231 PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME Sir: Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), an extension of time of Large Entity one month \$ 110.00 Small Entity \$55.00 two months 380.00 190.00 three months 870.00 435.00 four months 1.360.00 680.00 is hereby requested to respond to the Official Action mailed March 16, 2000 other (specify) The requisite fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is enclosed by check. If any additional fees are due or any overpayment has been made, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2461 or credit our Deposit Account for such sum. Respectfully submitted, 08/23/2000 CCHAU1 00000064 08989261 01 FC:216 190.00 OP

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